

ONE EIGHTH AIR FORCE CONSTITUTION

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INTRODUCTION

The need has arisen in R/C Aviation for an organization to provide means for all individuals interested in scale R/C models to practice and observe modeling in its proper perspective. Typically, the R/C scale modeler constitutes a more romantic individual whose prime objective is realism in displaying the model in a complimentary environment. Historically, such an environment has not prevailed resulting in frustrations and disappointments well-known to scale R/C modelers.

PRIMARY MISSION

From these needs and considerations evolved the One Eighth Air Force whose primary mission is to promote all scale R/C modeling and provide a means to practice it with maximum enjoyment and minimum complication.

To accomplish its mission, the One Eighth Air Force will organize events that provide a means for the modeler to maximize the enjoyment of demonstrating and improving skills in modeling and flying radio-controlled scale model aircraft, and in doing so, present, expose and display the Scale Radio Control Model Airplane hobby to the general public.

From this primary mission, the One Eighth Air Force will not deviate. The One Eighth Air Force may only request services, assess fees, or charge dues to its members or participants to perpetuate the One Eighth Air Force's primary mission.

ORGANIZATION

The One Eighth Air Force will be organized as follows:

1. The chief official of the One Eighth Air Force shall be known as the Commander, will hold the rank of Colonel, and will be annually elected by the membership to serve for a period of one year. Additionally, the Commander will serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. All other members of the One Eighth Air Force will hold the rank of Captain.
2. The six (6) other elected officers of the One Eighth Air Force will consist of a Vice-Commander, an Air Executive Officer, and a Ground Executive Officer, who are each annually elected by the membership to serve for a period of one year; and three (3) officers who will be known as Joint Chiefs of Staff will be elected by the membership to serve for a period of two years each.
3. The Commander will annually appoint six other officers to assist him in the operation of the organization. These appointed positions will be known as the Group Exchange Officer, Public Relations Officer, Group Adjutant, Group Finance Officer, Group Safety Officer and the Contest Director.
4. The Commander, the six elected officers of the organization, and the six appointed officers will serve as members of the Board of Directors of the One Eighth Air Force. The Board of Directors shall be known as the Staff. The job responsibilities of the Staff are as follows:
 - A. **Vice Commander** - Assists the Commander in all areas requiring such assistance as determined by the Commander. Acts as Commander in the event of

the Commander's absence or illness. Attends meetings and such other functions as may be required in the absence of the Commander. Represents the One Eighth Air Force at CAMAC meetings. Coordinates the Administration of the bi-annual fly-ins. Mails welcome letter and complimentary set of wings to new members and serves as the focal point for all members to order OEAF wearing apparel, patches, name badges, etc. Appoints directors for committees that report to the Vice-Commander.

B. **Air Executive Officer** - Coordinates all air activities within the One Eighth Air Force. Maintains committees needed to implement air operations such as transmitter impound, announcing, flight coordination & demos. Appoints directors for committees that report to the Air Executive. Reviews proposed committee procedures and makes recommendations to staff officers based on feasibility and worthiness to the general purpose of the One Eighth Air Force. Keeps fellow staff officers advised of direction and progress of the air wing of the One Eighth Air Force.

C. **Ground Executive Officer** – Coordinates ground activities within the One Eighth Air Force. Maintains committees as needed to implement ground operations or provide interface with other One Eighth Air Force activities. Appoints directors for committees that report to the Ground Executive. Reviews proposed committee procedures and makes recommendations to fellow staff officers based on feasibility and worth to the general purpose of the One Eighth Air Force. Keeps fellow staff officers advised of direction and progress of the ground echelon of the One Eighth Air Force.

D. **Public Relations Officer** - Responsible for the collection and the dissemination of information concerning the One Eighth Air Force, to the media and all other resources, such as newsletters. Responsible for the printing and distribution of fliers and/or posters. Develop and update a list of names, hobby shops and organizations where fliers are to be sent. Ensures that press releases are prepared and sent to all media. Contacts television networks for possible usage of "library" footage of past fly-ins for the news prior to actual fly-in. Extends invitations to news media for Saturday's flying. Coordinates One Eighth Air Force activities with out-of-town members who reside in areas other than the Phoenix metropolitan area. Appoints director for the committee reporting to Public Relations.

E. **Group Adjutant** - Provides the recording function within the One Eighth Air Force. Responsible for accurate staff and general membership meeting minutes. Drafts documents used to express policy and direction of the One Eighth Air Force. Archives historical documents, pictures or memorabilia generated by the group during its operation.

F. **Group Finance Officer** - Serves the Financial Accounting function of the One Eighth Air Force. Responsible for recording and maintaining individual revenues and expenditures of the group. Maintains accounts with commercial banks, etc., as needed. Advises membership of funds on hand or projected for activity planning purposes.

G. **Group Safety Officer** - Responsible for safety procedures both in planning and executing any function of the One Eighth Air Force. Reviews safety aspects of all activities planned by the One Eighth Air Force prior to their implementation, and makes recommendations to fellow staff officers. Enforce, through whatever means appropriate, safety policies and procedures set forth by the One Eighth Air Force, the AMA and common sense.

H. **Contest Director** - First line official representation of the One Eighth Air Force, present at group sponsored functions. Responsible for thorough understanding of

rules, regulations, or procedures established to ensure success and smooth operation of such functions. Possesses or moves to possess at time of entering office an AMA Contest Directorship. Guides controversial matters, which arise at such functions and may consult with fellow staff officers.

I. **Group Exchange Officer** – Responsible for the primary revenue generating activities at group sponsored functions, including concessions (PX & raffle), parking donation collection, and awards. Solicits sponsorship and donations of prizes to be raffled off at OEAF functions, including pilot prizes, by writing solicitation letters, making phone calls to prospective sponsors, and writes thank you letters to companies or individuals that have sponsored prizes or funds. Orders stock items to be sold in the PX such as event shirts, hats, etc, consulting with Group Finance Officer regarding the amount of funds to be spent. Assures that trophies/plaques are ordered, fabricated, and received prior to each OEAF function where they will be awarded. Appoints directors for committees reporting to Group Exchange, and reviews committee procedures to assure that the parking collection, PX, and raffle functions are adequately staffed and operated to support each OEAF function. Keeps fellow staff members advised of the direction and progress of group exchange activities.

J. **Joint Chiefs of Staff** – Serve in the capacity of an advisory panel to the Commander and the Staff on all matters relating to the operation of the organization, and serve as elected members of the Board of Directors. The Joints Chiefs of Staff are also individually and collectively responsible for providing a slate of willing candidates to serve in elected positions sixty (60) days prior to the annual election meeting in April. They will develop such a slate by conducting telephone and/or personal conversations with local members to find at least one member who is willing to serve in each elected position.

5. The remainder of the general membership will be organized into standing committees to assist the Staff. The leading member responsible for each committee will be known as a Director.

A. Reporting to the Vice Commander:

Administration Director

B. Reporting to the Air Executive Officer:

Flight Coordination & Awards Director

Radio Impound Director

Demonstrations Director

Announcing Director

C. Reporting to the Ground Executive Officer:

Field Preparation and Equipment Director

Banquet Director

D. Reporting to the Public Relations Officer:

Printing and Distribution Director

E. Reporting to the Group Exchange Officer:

Trophy Director
Parking Director
Concessions Director

6. The standing committee Directors are appointed by the Staff Officer they report to, and will serve until the following April. Standing committee Directors are responsible for recruiting sufficient OEAF members to satisfactorily perform their committee's work at OEAF events.

7. The Commander shall have the prerogative to appoint additional committees as required and to assign them to appropriate staff officers.

8. Changes to the Staff, to include additions, deletions, job functions or change in reporting procedures, must be referred to the general membership for approval.

9. In the event that any member is unable to complete a term in an elected office, the Commander has the authority to appoint a person to complete that term in office.

ELECTIONS

The election of officers shall occur each April at an annual general membership meeting, and all nominees must be local members of the One Eighth Air Force. Local in this instance is defined as residing within the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, or within such distance of the area that full participation and regular meeting attendance can be expected.

Nominations for a Commander and the elected staff offices will be made, a slate of candidates will be provided to the entire membership by the staff, and absentee ballots will be supplied to all out-of-town members no less than six (6) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to the annual election meeting. Absentee ballots will not be available to local members except in specific, legitimate instances wherein prior approval has been requested, in writing, and granted by the Staff. Proxy voting will not be permitted and absentee ballots not received prior to the election will be considered invalid. Except for election by acclamation, the election balloting will be secret. The candidate who receives the greatest number of the votes cast for that office will be elected to that office.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the One Eighth Air Force will be by invitation only. Term of membership shall be indefinite, dependent solely upon the member's continued and ongoing satisfactory participation and contribution to the organization.

The Staff will review all applications for membership in the One Eighth Air Force. The sponsor member (if applicable) will be invited to participate in the review of his candidate's application, and will have a vote in said review. A simple majority vote of the staff members present will be required to induct the new member into the One Eighth Air Force.

The Staff may, upon agreement, contact apparently inactive members in writing and invite them, in a tactful and diplomatic manner, to voluntarily request inactive (leave of absence) status until such time as they see fit to again participate and contribute to the group in full measure and in accordance with original membership criteria. Inactive (leave of absence) status will not exceed a period of one (1) year from date of written request, at which time active membership must be resumed or the member(s) in question will be removed from the group roster. Failure of a member to respond within thirty (30) days to a Staff contact inviting him/her to request inactive (leave of absence) will result in automatic removal from the group roster. Members on inactive status will not receive One Eighth Air Force correspondence, be assigned duties or hold office.

Additionally, inactive members may not wear One Eighth Air Force attire, exercise voting privileges, submit formal requests for action, or file grievances. These members may, however, contribute to the group at their option, with the understanding that occasional contribution neither constitutes nor justifies full, active membership status.

The Staff may, upon agreement, recommend forced removal of members in cases involving flagrant, repeated or intentional bad conduct, which causes harm to the group as a whole. Such recommendation(s) will be presented in writing to the Commander and the Staff for their consideration and subsequent action in accordance with the provisions of the organization's By-Laws.

Membership in the One Eighth Air Force will be dependent upon the following criteria:

1. Needs of the One Eighth Air Force.
2. Dedication to the activity of modeling and/or flying radio controlled scale aircraft.
3. Flying members must be members of the AMA and hold any required FCC Licenses.
4. Prospective invitees must have contributed satisfactorily by means of personal effort to the operation of at least one (1) One Eighth Air Force event.
5. Out-of-town members are requested to represent the One-Eighth Air Force by wearing the One-Eighth attire at all official events such as contests, fly-ins, mall shows, etc.
6. Prospective invitees may apply for membership, through a sponsor, by providing the following information, in writing, to the Staff:
 - A. Name
 - B. Address
 - C. Club Affiliation (if applicable)
 - D. AMA Number (if applicable)
 - E. FCC Call Letters (if applicable)
 - F. Special Interests or Talents
 - G. Years in Modeling
 - H. Brief statement of interest in scale modeling and anticipated contribution to the One Eighth Air Force.
7. Annual dues may be assessed to all members in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00), the necessity for which may be determined annually by the Board of Directors. This dues payment would be applied as one per household. Additionally, new members will receive their first year membership free.

MEETINGS

1. Staff meetings and General membership meetings may be held from time to time as required to meet the One Eighth Air Force's objectives and conduct business.
2. Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in this Constitution, or in the By-Laws of the One Eighth Air Force, any matters put to a vote at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those voting.
3. An Annual Election Meeting for the general membership will be held in April. Failure to hold the annual meeting will not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the One Eighth Air Force, and in the event of such failure, the annual meeting will be held within a reasonable time

thereafter. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect a Commander and the elected officers for the succeeding year; however, other business of the organization may be conducted during the meeting as needed.

NOTICE OF MEETING

1. Not less than six (6) days nor more than thirty (30) days written notice shall be mailed, or e-mailed to the membership notifying them of the date, time and place of the Annual Election Meeting and any meeting to revise these wordings. If a purpose of a meeting is to revise these wordings, then that purpose must be stated and outlined in the written notice.

2. The invitees to Staff Meetings, General Membership Meetings, and Committee Meetings shall be notified verbally, by e-mail, or in writing, in a timely manner.

REVISIONS

Revisions to these wordings must be approved by at least two-thirds of the properly notified & attending membership voting, including mailed-in or e-mailed votes from out of town members.